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Results of popular consultation follow:

PROVINCES	VALID VOTES	YES VOTES	PERCENT YES VOTES
The Kingdom	5,085,266	2,933,384	57.68
Walloon area (including Niveles)	1,793,019	755,044	42.11
Flemish area (including Louvain)	2,486,933	1,790,426	72
Brussels	805,314	387,914	48.17
Liege	585,912	244,844	41.79
Namur	217,924	115,373	52.94
Hainaut	744,518	267,311	35.90
Luxembourg	128,076	83,739	65.38
Brabant	1,111,913	557,623	50.15
Limbourg	226,676	189,024	83.39
Antwerp	755,900	514,889	68.11
West Flanders			

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West Flanders	576,821	430,780	74.68
East Flanders	737,526	529,729	71.83

Results show how deeply country is split on this question when it is noted provincial results vary from 83 percent "yes" Limbourg to 36 percent "yes" in Hainaut.

The most interesting breakdown is between the language areas and Brussels. Liberals have taken position that they opposed to King's return unless he obtained majorities in the two language areas and in the arrondissement of Brussels.

Reference EMBDESP 112, February 2 and 304 March 11.

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